Boy & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner

E-Newsblast

MITTEN TREE

Beginning Nov. 30th throughout the winter there will be a mitten tree at the Club. Please bring all your mittens new or used. There are many children who come to the Club that do not have mittens or forgot them at home. We would like to be able to provide for all the children so they can enjoy the snow and stay warm during the cold months.

WINTER IS UPON US!

Winter Weather Reminders that when school is closed or dismissed early due to bad weather the Teen Center is closed. Childcare age 6 weeks to 5th grade will remain open unless stated on Channel 13, Channel 6, Channel 8, 92 Moose, B98.5 or WABK 102.4. If the Club were to close early or be closed for the day due to bad weather, announcements would be made on the stations as listed above. The Club also calls all the parents to inform them what time the Club would be closing. Please keep updated phone numbers at the Club.

Reminder

Youth Wrestling Begins
Jan. 25th

For Boys & Girls
3rd-5th Grade

To Register visit
www.club4me.org

BE A SUPPORTER

With the start of the New Year right around the corner the Club will be kicking off our annual campaign. BE A SUPPORTER is the 2010 slogan. We will be starting the campaign in late March early April. In 2009 the Club raised $40,772 through mail donations, contributions from local businesses and board contributions. Our goal for 2010 is $41,500. The club is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductable. If there are any questions please feel free to call or email the Club.

website: www.club4me.org

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WHAT IS KEYSTONE UP TO?

A group of teens at the Club take part in Keystone Club. This year they have really taken the control of completing a variety of community service projects. In November they went to the BGCA Northeast Conference in Mass. where they won an award for the most community service hours completed. They were also the first Maine Keystone Club to attend a National Conference. Currently they are working on raising money for the Salvation Army toy drive for needy children at Christmas. They started doing this by selling candy bars for $1.00 in the lobby at pick up time, but to make things a little more interesting they have started a penny war among groups of people at the Club. They have raised over $1400.00 during the penny war. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

A THANKGIVING TO REMEMBER

Dawna Gregoire planned and hosted Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th at the Club. With an 11:30am start time people started rolling in at 10:45am to make sure they had a perfect spot. The Club's Preschool class entertained for the afternoon with songs they had been practicing just for this event. In total 65 seniors came and enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings. They even managed to save a little room for some pies made by the Teen Center and K-1 class. The Club was very excited to see such a large turnout in the community. The Club will be hosting a sweetheart dinner near Valentine's Day. We thank everyone that helped out and thanks to everyone who came and shared the holiday time with us.

SUMMER EXCITMENT

Another summer has come to an end. Our total enrollment reached 292 youth in our preschool program through teen center. After a rainy June the rest of the summer was great! We were able to attend field trips as planned to various places around central Maine. The Club looks forward to having many more wonderful summers just like this one. This summer was also the first summer that we had summer school at the Club. For the first five weeks some children participated in summer school for grades 3rd-8th. This program was designed to bridge the gap of learning for the summer months. Thanks to wonderful tutors and staff the program was a success! We will be getting our summer 2010 information out by March 2010. Make sure to sign up early to reserve a spot.

DANCING WITH THE STAFF 2009

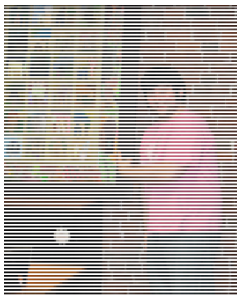
Dancing with the Staff was another first for the Club this year. On November 18th some of our Teen Center members paired up with staff to perform a variety of dances. Performances were anything from the Zumpa to Krumping. With a large trophy and $50.00 cash prize, the groups worked on their dances from anywhere to a few days some even practice for a month. As show time approached some groups were falling apart. Other obligations got in the way but at the last hour of the last day 12 groups pulled together to perform for friends and families at the High School Theater. Dinner was served at 5:30 and then the show followed at 6:30. With the judges ready to go and groups on stage, the show was a hit. After all groups performed the judges tallied their votes and the winners were Brett, Beth, Kelsey and Holly performing the Salas. We are proud of all the Club members that performed and thanks to all the staff for putting in extra time to learn the dances. GREAT JOB!

CLC FOR ALL AGES

The 21st Century Community Learning Center is off to a great start this year. The 6-9 CLC is almost full with over 65 in attendance daily. Tables are full and tutors are ready to help students who are eager to get there work done. Tutors help with math, LA, science and social studies. This program is free to all teen center members that are in danger of failing one or more classes. All students have to be a member of the Teen Center and complete a tutoring form and attend at least three days a week. Tutoring is offered Monday through Friday right at the Club. Call the Club if you are interested.

Another CLC program that the Club has is for grades 3rd-5th. This year it is off to a great start. With site at the Club, TC Hamlin and Riverview space is limited. Our goal is to have at least 25 kids at each site which is growing every day. This is a free program that is offered Monday through Thursday.

3-5 CLC members were part of the Gardiner Art walk this year. Sue Webb and CLC kid's constructed a great piece of art which was hung on display for the evening along with other local artists. The kids at TC Hamlin's CLC put on an African dinner after spending months on learning African culture, food and games. If interested please contact the Club for more information. Programs funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center DOE.

Dates to Remember:

January 18th: Closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr.
January 14th: Community Dinner starts at 5:30pm
February 11th: Senior Sweetheart Dinner 11:00 am
February 15th: Closed in observation of President's Day
February 15th-19th: School Vacation (Club is Opened Tues. –Fri.)